

PART C
LICENSING OF UST PROFESSIONALS

567—134.17 (455B) Definitions. As used herein:

"Board" means the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board.

"Cathodic protection tester" means a licensed individual who provides installation, maintenance and testing services on underground storage tank corrosion protection systems.

"Certificate of noncompliance" means a document provided by the child support recovery unit certifying that the named obligor is not in compliance with a support order or with a written agreement for payment of support entered into by the unit and the obligor.

"Child support recovery unit" means the child support recovery unit created by Iowa Code section 252B.2.

"Deductible" means the portion of a claim paid by insureds on the policy issued by the board.

"Department" means the Iowa department of natural resources.

"Install" or "installation" means the physical construction of a UST system including, but not limited to, activities such as excavating, backfilling, testing, placement of the tank, underground piping, release detection devices, corrosion protection systems, spill and overfill devices and any associated administrative activities such as notifications, record keeping and record submissions.

"Installation inspector" means a licensed individual who is engaged in the inspection and approval of the installation of new or upgraded underground storage tank systems.

"Installer" means a licensed individual or licensed company engaged in the installation of a new underground storage tank system or the upgrading of underground storage tank systems.

"In the aggregate" means for all claims or suits in a single year seeking damages under an insurance policy issued by the board.

"Licensed company" means a person, or company which employs a person who meets all of the qualifications to install, upgrade, repair, test or line underground storage tank systems.

"Licensed individual" means an individual who has received a license to perform any of the activities regulated under this chapter.

"Liner" means a licensed company or an individual who provides services to install underground storage tank lining and to repair underground storage tanks.

"Maintenance" means the normal operational upkeep to prevent a UST system from releasing a regulated substance or to ensure that a release is detected.

"Modification" means to change a UST system currently in use by the installation of new UST system components. "Modification" includes, but is not limited to, the addition of corrosion protection to a previously lined tank, installation of new underground piping or replacement of existing underground piping, changing the primary release detection method to one of the methods listed in OAR 340-150-0450 through 340-150-0470, or adding secondary containment. "Modification" does not include those activities defined in this rule as "repair" or "replacement."

"Obligor" means a natural person as defined in Iowa Code section 252B.1 who has been ordered by a court or administrative agency to pay support.

"OSHA" means the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

"Precision test" means a tank and line tightness test that meets the requirements in rule 567—135.4(455B).

"Removal" means the process of removing and disposing of an underground storage tank system no longer in service or the process of abandoning an underground storage tank system in place, in accordance with rule 567—135.9(455B).

"Remover" means a licensed individual who is engaged in permanent closure activities by removal or filling in place of underground storage tank systems in accordance with rule 567—135.15(455B).

"Repair" means to restore any portion of a UST system that has failed. "Repair" does not include the activities defined in this rule by "modification" or "replacement."

"Replacement" means to effect a change in any part of a UST system above grade by exchanging one unit for a like or similar unit. "Replacement" does not include activities defined in this rule as "repair" or "modification."

"Self-insured retention" means the portion of a claim paid by insureds who self-insure a portion of their risk as part of a policy issued by the board. Expenses included as a part of the self-insured retention are the cost of claims settlements or suits, the cost of adjusting, legal fees, court costs and any other investigative cost associated with the claim.

"Service technician" means a nonlicensed individual who works for a licensed individual or a licensed company or who is certified by a manufacturer to conduct modification or replacement activities at UST facilities.

"Tester" means a licensed company or individual who tests tanks, lines, leak detection systems, or monitoring systems as required by 567—Chapter 135 and this chapter. For the purposes of this definition, an owner, operator or an employee of an owner or operator performing leak detection or cathodic protection monitoring, as required by 567—Chapter 135, is not a tester.

"Testing" means the process of utilizing a system to test underground storage tank systems or any part thereof for tightness, leak detection, cathodic protection or monitoring.

"Underground storage tank professional" means an individual licensed under Part C of this chapter.

"Underground storage tank system" means tank or tanks and associated piping intended to contain and dispense petroleum products and for which proof of financial responsibility is, or on a date definite will be required to be maintained pursuant to the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 40 CFR 280, and the regulations in effect on December 31, 1994, adopted pursuant to that Act or successor Acts or amendments.

"Unit" means the child support recovery unit created in Iowa Code section 252B.2.

"U.S. EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

"Withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance" means a document provided by the unit certifying that the certificate of noncompliance is withdrawn and that the licensing authority may proceed with issuance, reinstatement, or renewal of an obligor's license.

567—134.18 (455B) Applicability of Part C. All persons and companies that are currently licensed under the former board rules in rescinded 591—Chapter 15 shall be subject to Part C of this chapter. All persons conducting underground storage tank installations and installation inspections as provided in 567—subparagraph 135.3(1) "e"(2) and installers, installation inspectors, liners, testers, and removers shall be licensed by the department in accordance with Part C of this chapter. Service technicians as defined in rule 567—134.17(455B) are exempt from licensure under Part C of this chapter.

567—134.19 (455B) General licensing requirements. Applications for licenses shall be submitted on a form provided by the department along with all required supporting documentation. Existing licenses as of [insert the effective date of these amendments] and new licenses shall expire December 31, 2010. Subsequently, licenses shall be issued and renewed on a two-year calendar basis, beginning January 1, 2011. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. The applicant shall not have been issued a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit.

134.19(1) *Licensing classifications.* A separate license will be issued for:

- a. UST installers and installation inspectors;
- b. UST removers;
- c. UST testers;
- d. Cathodic protection testers; and
- e. UST liners.

134.19(2) *Individual and company licenses.* A company employing licensed individuals for installation, upgrading, removal, lining or testing of underground storage tank systems shall be registered as a licensed company. A company shall have its license revoked if it fails to employ at least one licensed individual or if it employs unlicensed individuals to do work requiring a license. Individuals who are not companies as defined in rule 567—134.17(455B) are required to have an individual license only.

134.19(3) *License fees.* A \$200 fee shall be submitted with a company license application and with an individual license application. Companies and individuals are licensed separately as set forth in subrule 134.19(2). Individuals may apply for multiple individual licenses at once, paying only one \$200 processing fee. All fees are nonrefundable.

134.19(4) *License issuance.* Upon receipt, review, and acceptance of the application and application fee, the department shall furnish the applicant with a license showing the name of the individual/company and the expiration date. In order to remain valid, the license shall be renewed prior to the expiration date specified on the license.

134.19(5) *Environmental liability insurance.* All license holders, including licensed companies, are required to have environmental liability insurance with minimum liability of \$1 million per occurrence, as well as in the aggregate. Current license holders shall have 45 days from August 19, 2009, to upgrade their environmental liability insurance.

a. *Licensed company.* A licensed company is required to provide environmental liability insurance for all licensed activities of the company and its licensed UST professionals.

b. *Licensed individuals.* Each licensed installer, installation inspector, remover, liner, cathodic protection tester, and tester is required to provide proof of environmental liability insurance covering licensed activities. The insurance may be provided by the licensed company employing the licensed individual or by the individual licensee.

c. *Insurance exception.* UST professionals employed by owners or operators of underground storage tank systems to work only on the owner's or operator's private system(s) are exempt from insurance requirements.

d. *Forms of acceptable insurance.* All parties covered by the licensing provisions of Part C of this chapter shall provide evidence of environmental liability insurance to the department upon request.

(1) Environmental liability insurance may be provided by a private insurer authorized to do business in Iowa.

(2) Evidence of environmental liability insurance may be provided using methods of self-insurance as outlined in 567—Chapter 136.

134.19(6) *Examinations and course of instruction.* Prior to the issuance of a license as an installer, installation inspector, remover, liner, tester, or cathodic protection tester, the applicant shall successfully complete a department or department-approved course of instruction and pass a qualification examination approved by the department.

a. *Examination requirements for all license holders.*

(1) A passing grade of not less than 85 percent is required on the Iowa examination.

(2) Candidates who have failed the examination may not perform work unless supervised by an appropriately licensed individual.

(3) A fee reflecting the actual costs of developing and administering each course of instruction and examination shall be charged.

(4) Nothing in Part C of this chapter shall limit the right of the department to require additional educational requirements of license holders.

b. Exceptions to completion of the course of instruction or examination. All license holders, except cathodic protection testers, are required to complete the course of instruction. Cathodic protection testers are only required to maintain NACE certification, STI cathodic protection certification or equivalent certification approved by the department. Testers may qualify for reciprocity under paragraph 134.19(6) “c” if the department approves the public or private certification or training program completed. For testers, the department will approve or deny the certification based upon a review of the course of instruction, applicable manuals and handouts, and the examination.

c. Reciprocity. Persons who are certified under another state or federal regulatory program which has been approved by the department may be eligible for licensure in Iowa without having to take a course of instruction or pass the examination. However, these individuals shall still pay the \$200 application fee and qualify for license renewal by fulfilling continuing education requirements.

d. Repeat examination attempts. An applicant who fails an initial examination may take a second examination within one calendar year without having to retake the course of instruction. Failure of the second examination will result in termination of the application. A person may reapply for licensure. The applicant shall complete a course of instruction before retaking the examination.

134.19(7) Continuing education. Each person licensed under Part C of this chapter shall complete a department-approved refresher course every two years, except for licensed cathodic protection testers. Cathodic protection testers shall maintain NACE or STI certification or another certification approved by the department. Beginning with the first application for license renewal, each UST professional shall provide evidence to the department, prior to submission of the application for renewal, that at least 12 credit hours of department-approved continuing education have been satisfactorily completed since the last license was issued or renewed. The department may limit the number of credits granted for similar courses during a renewal period. The requirement for continuing education may be met only by those continuing education offerings which have been approved by the department.

a. Form of approval. Approval may take the form of:

(1) Program approval granted by the department to the sponsor or instructor of a continuing education offering;

(2) Individual requests for credit granted by the department to an installer or inspector for a continuing education offering whose sponsor or instructor did not seek program approval; or

(3) Blanket approval granted by the department to continuing education offerings sponsored by the department or other professional organizations whose standards have been approved by the department.

b. Procedures for department approval of continuing education offerings.

(1) Application for program approval shall be made by the sponsor or instructor to the department and include an agenda or an outline of the content of the proposed continuing education offering.

(2) Application shall be made at least 45 days prior to the desired effective date of approval.

(3) The application shall be reviewed by the department, and notice of approval or denial of program approval shall be sent to the sponsor or instructor. Credit hours may be limited by the department based on program content.

c. *Proof of participation.* A certificate of satisfactory completion of a department-approved continuing education offering issued by the sponsor or instructor constitutes sufficient evidence of satisfactory completion for purposes of meeting the continuing education requirement.

567—134.20 (455B) License renewal procedures.

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Renewal applications shall be made on a form provided by the department and received by the department or postmarked no later than November 1 of the expiration year of the license at issue. The renewal application shall be accompanied by the \$200 renewal fee as specified in subrule 134.19(3) and proof of environmental liability insurance as required under subrule 134.19(5). Applications received after the November 1 deadline, but before the January 1 expiration date, will be accepted and will require an additional \$50 late fee.

134.20(2) To be eligible for renewal, the licensee shall fulfill all continuing education requirements, along with any other requirements set forth in each license classification rule under Part C of this chapter. The department will consider all past disciplinary actions against the licensee when evaluating renewal eligibility.

567—134.21 (455B) Conflict of interest. A licensed individual or a licensed company may not conduct a UST installation inspection at any facility at which the licensee is engaged in professional services which are regulated under Part C of this chapter, e.g., installations, modifications, repairs, or replacements of UST systems. A person working for a licensed company as an installer, liner, remover, or tester shall not provide services as an installation inspector on sites where UST systems are being installed or lined by the person's prior employer until six months after leaving the prior employer's licensed company. If a licensed individual leaves the employment of a licensed company, the licensed company shall notify the department within 30 days of that occurrence.

567—134.22 (455B) Duty to report. Any UST professional licensed under Part C of this chapter shall timely report suspected and confirmed releases within 24 hours of discovery (6 hours if a hazardous condition exists) as described in rule 567—135.6(455B) to the owner and operator on a form prescribed by the department. The UST professional shall recommend to the owner and operator any release confirmation actions or other investigatory and response actions which in the UST professional's judgment would be consistent with the requirements of rule 567—135.6(455B). The UST professional shall submit a copy of the form to the department within seven days of discovering a confirmed release. The UST professional is not responsible for reporting a suspected release as described in rule 567—135.6(455B) directly to the department.

567—134.23 (455B) OSHA safety requirements. All licensed individuals and companies regulated under Part C of this chapter shall conduct their work as required by OSHA safety requirements defined under 29 CFR § 1910 (2006). OSHA standards apply whenever flammable, combustible, or hazardous materials are present, especially during the following activities:

- 1) Excavating, placing underground storage tank systems in excavations, and ballasting underground storage tank systems with flammable, combustible, or hazardous materials.
- 2) Purging, cleaning, and removal of underground storage tank systems which have contained flammable, combustible, or hazardous materials.
- 3) Testing as a part of an installation or after the system has been placed in service.

567—134.24 (455B) Installers.

134.24(1) *Licensure qualifications.* An installer of an underground storage tank system shall apply for a license as an installer and shall indicate on the license application the types of installations and upgrade procedures the installer intends to use. In addition to the licensing requirements listed under rule 567—134.19(455B), an installer must:

- a. Provide documentation of at least two years of relevant experience;
- b. Provide documentation of manufacturer certification for past installations and proof of current certification for future work including, but not limited to, tank systems, piping systems, leak detection and monitoring systems, and corrosion protection systems; and
- c. Have completed at least 40 hours of OSHA training.

134.24(2) *Renewal qualifications.* To be eligible for license renewal, an installer shall:

- a. Fulfill the department's continuing education requirements in rule 567—134.19(455B);
- b. Maintain manufacturer certification if available and notify the department within 30 days if the certification is lost; and
- c. Complete the annual eight-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) refresher course.

134.24(3) *Responsibilities of installers.* A licensed installer shall be on site during the performance of all work, including subcontracted work, for which the owner/operator has contracted to have completed by the installer. The licensed installer is responsible for all UST-related work at the site and must ensure that the performance of the work and the finished work conform to industry standards and codes and manufacturers' requirements. The licensed installer is responsible for ensuring that all local installation permits and notice requirements are satisfied. Tank installation includes all work associated with the placement of the tanks, pipes, pumps, dispensers, gauging systems, monitoring systems, corrosion protection, containment devices, and ancillary systems which, if installed incorrectly, could cause or delay detection of a leak. Tank installation specifically includes excavation, equipment placement, backfilling, piping, electrical work, testing calibration, and start-up. Tank installation also includes installation of the appropriate equipment to meet National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) requirements (40 CFR § 63.6580, Subpart ZZZZ), including submerged fill and vapor balance systems (Stage 1 vapor recovery) and the testing of those systems. Installers shall have on their person at all times while on a UST job site a 40-hour general site worker program identification card or any valid refresher card that complies with OSHA standards.

134.24(4) *Documentation of work performed.* Installing a new UST system or upgrading a UST system requires an installer to submit a copy of DNR Form 148, signed by the owner, to the department. Each licensed installer responsible for the new system installation or the upgrading of an existing system shall sign DNR Form 148 as required by 567—paragraph 135.3(3) "e."

567—134.25 (455B) Testers. A tester of underground storage tank systems shall apply for licensing as a tester and note on the license application the systems and method(s) of testing the tester will use. In addition to the licensing requirements listed under rule 567—134.19(455B), a tester shall provide documentation of at least two years of relevant experience, documentation of manufacturer certification for past testing, and proof of current certification for future work.

134.25(1) *Renewal qualifications.* To be eligible for license renewal, a tester shall fulfill the department's continuing education requirements in rule 567—134.19(455B) and shall maintain manufacturer certification or notify the department within 30 days if the certification is lost.

134.25(2) *Documentation of work performed.* A copy of the test results shall be attached to DNR Form 148 when testing is done in connection with a new installation or the upgrading of an existing

underground storage tank system. A precision test is required when the system is covered and is ready to be placed into service; a volumetric, nonvolumetric, or vacuum test may be used as a method for testing the system and a hydrostatic pressure test may be used for testing the lines. Systems used for leak detection or monitoring (such as statistical inventory reconciliation, vapor or water monitoring wells, or tracer-type tests) shall not be acceptable as a precision test at the completion of the installation of a new system or the upgrading of an existing system. Automatic in-tank gauging may be acceptable if third-party U.S. EPA approval as a precision test has been received for testing tanks.

a. The test results shall identify the tanks tested, the test method employed, and the results of the test. Test results shall be dated and signed by the licensed tester who performed the tests.

b. The original DNR Form 148 without attachments shall be mailed to the department.

134.25(3) *Exception to inspection requirement.* Installation inspectors are not required for the testing of underground storage tank systems, lines, leak detection, and cathodic protection as required by 567—Chapter 135 after the system has been put into service.

567—134.26 (455B) Liners. In addition to the licensing requirements listed under rule 134.19(455B), a liner shall provide documentation of at least two years of relevant experience, provide documentation of manufacturer certification for past linings and proof of current certification for future work, and have completed at least 40 hours of OSHA training.

134.26(1) *Renewal qualifications.* To be eligible for license renewal, a liner shall:

a. Fulfill the department's continuing education requirements in rule 567—134.19(455B);

b. Maintain manufacturer certification and immediately notify the department if the certification is lost; and

c. Complete the annual eight-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) refresher course.

134.26(2) *Lining system investigation and installation requirements.*

a. Inspection of internal lining. A steel underground storage tank that satisfies the corrosion protection requirement as set forth in 567—subparagraph 135.3(2)“*b*”(1) by the addition of an internal lining shall be internally inspected within ten years of the date the tank was lined and every five years thereafter. The purpose of the inspection is to determine if the lining continues to perform according to the manufacturer's specifications, state and federal rules, and national standards and codes and to determine if the tank is still structurally sound. The department accepts both manned entry and video camera periodic inspections. The lining method employed must be specifically designed for the purpose, be compatible with the product stored, and meet acceptable federal and state standards as set forth in 567—Chapter 135.

b. Integrity testing for tanks. Liners shall verify structural integrity, to include thickness and strength of the underground storage tanks, whenever tanks are physically entered (manned entry) for periodic inspections. The following standards must be used for lining and periodic inspections and integrity testing:

(1) Physical (manned entry) inspection. American Petroleum Institute (API) Standard 1631: Interior Lining and Periodic Inspection of Underground Storage Tanks.

(2) Video camera inspection. API Standard 1631; “Recommended Practice for Inspecting Buried Lined Steel Tanks Using a Video Camera” developed by Ken Wilcox Associates Inc.(KWA), Methods A and C; and ASTM G-158 (approved prediction models).

(3) Repairs to lining. Standard 631 of the National Leak Prevention Association (NLPA): Entry, Cleaning, Interior Inspection, Repair and Lining of Underground Storage Tanks. Repaired lining must meet the requirements of API 1631 § 8.

(4) Documentation of the inspection. API 1631—Form C: Tank Re-Inspection Affidavit. Liners shall document any defects noted in the system including, but not limited to, holes and perforations using API 1631—Form C: Tank Re-Inspection Affidavit and shall include photographs of all methods of repair.

134.26(3) Responsibilities of liners. While on UST job sites, liners shall have on their person at all times a 40-hour general site worker program identification card or any valid refresher card that complies with OSHA standards.

134.26(4) Documentation of work performed. A liner shall submit the API 1631 report form to the department, certifying that all work was performed in accordance with applicable industry standards.

567—134.27 (455B) Installation inspectors.

In addition to the licensing requirements listed under rule 134.19(455B), an installation inspector shall provide documentation of at least one year of experience with underground storage installations, testing, inspecting, or design; documentation of manufacturer certification for past work; and proof of current certification for future work. An engineer who intends to apply for licensure as an installation inspector and who has met the requirements in Iowa to be a registered professional engineer (P.E.) may be exempt from the educational requirement so long as UST installation is in the scope of the engineer's P.E. license and regular practice as provided for in rule 567—134.19(455B). Engineers, however, are not exempt from fulfilling the examination requirement.

134.27(1) Renewal qualifications.

To be eligible for license renewal, an installation inspector shall fulfill the department's continuing education requirements in rule 567—134.19(455B) and shall maintain manufacturer certification or notify the department within 30 days if the certification is lost.

134.27(2) Documentation of work performed.

a. A copy of the inspection report must be submitted within 14 days after the inspection is complete. Both the inspection form and DNR Form 148 must be received by the department before the UST system can be activated.

b. A licensed installation inspector shall inspect the job site a minimum of three times during the course of the new tank installation or system upgrade.

c. For new installations, the first inspection shall occur before the UST system is installed. The second inspection shall occur before the covering of the system, when all tanks and pipes are exposed. The inspector shall witness testing of the primary and secondary piping and testing of the secondary containment, including sumps, under-dispenser containment (UDC), and secondary containment leak detection equipment. The final inspection shall occur when all components are operational and the system has been covered, but before actual operation. The installation inspector shall be present on site, shall visually observe all inspections, and shall be able to attest to the results. A video or other recording device showing the work completed by the installer shall not be used nor shall it be an acceptable method of providing independent inspection of the work completed.

134.27(3) Inspection required. When concrete is cut or excavation is required that could affect the integrity or operation of the UST system or when a component that routinely contains product is installed, replaced or repaired, one inspection is required. This inspection shall occur when the component is uncovered and replaced or repaired but before operation recommences. Whenever secondary containment, such as UDC or sump, is installed, at least one inspection is required after the equipment is installed and before the system is backfilled.

134.27(4) Inspection not required. Replacing, repairing or installing the following does not require an inspection: drop tubes, overfill devices, spill buckets, installation of ATG systems, dispensers,

submersible turbine pumps, automatic line leak detectors, internal lining and periodic inspections or lining repair, cathodic protection systems, interstitial sensors, flex connectors, and line and tank tightness testing.

134.27(5) *Pre-work notification requirement.*

a. A licensed company/individual hired by an owner/operator to perform work shall notify the owner's/operator's licensed installation inspector of choice prior to commencing work. Additionally, the owner/operator is responsible for supplying the name of the installation inspector if it is not a governmental entity to any state or local agency with rules affecting installations or upgrades.

b. The pre-work notice given to the installation inspector shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) Description of the work planned.
- (2) The licensed individual responsible for the work to be performed.
- (3) A schedule of the work to be performed.
- (4) A copy of the UST notification of intent to install form submitted to the department.

c. The installation inspector shall review the work plan, and any required changes by the installation inspector must be submitted to the company/individual prior to the beginning of the described work. An inspection schedule must be agreed upon before work commences. Changes to the work schedule, to include the inspection schedule, because of weather or unforeseen job-site conditions shall be agreed upon as soon as the extenuating circumstances are recognized.

134.27(6) *Pre-installation and installation checklists.*

a. The licensed company/individual performing the work shall submit to both the installation inspector and the department a notification of intent to install form 30 days prior to an installation or upgrade.

b. Installation inspectors are required to use the department's installation inspection checklist. The installation inspection checklist must be submitted within 14 days following the tank installation inspection.

134.27(7) *Conflict of interest.* In addition to the conflict-of-interest provisions outlined in rule 567—134.21(455B), the following apply to installation inspectors:

a. If the Installation inspector establishes a contract to perform inspection services for an owner/ operator, or performs more than five inspections per calendar year for any one owner/operator, then the installation inspector is required to disclose that relationship in writing to the department within 30 days of the fifth inspection.

b. The department may require the owner/operator to seek alternative inspection services for any reason deemed prudent to ensure quality installations.

134.27(8) *Miscellaneous requirements.* An installation inspector has the right to postpone work or to stop work on a job if standards as outlined in Part C of this chapter are not followed by the installer. Furthermore, once an installation inspector has been placed on a job, that installation inspector cannot be replaced without the department's approval. Installation inspectors must verify that any local permit and notice requirements are in place.

567—134.28 (455B) Removers. In addition to the licensing requirements listed under rule 567—134.19(455B), a remover shall provide documentation of at least two years of removal or other relevant experience and complete at least 40 hours of OSHA training. An engineer who intends to apply for licensure as a remover and who has met the requirements in Iowa to be a registered professional engineer

(P.E.) may be exempt from the licensure requirements under rule 134.19(455B) so long as UST-related work is within the scope of the engineer's P.E. license and regular practice. Engineers are not exempt from fulfilling the examination requirement in subrule 134.19(6).

134.28(1) *Renewal qualifications.* To be eligible for license renewal, a remover shall:

- a. Fulfill the department's continuing education requirements in rule 567—134.19(455B);
- b. Comply with all local permitting and notice requirements;
- c. Comply with department-issued UST closure guidance; and
- d. Complete the annual eight-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) refresher course.

134.28(2) *Responsibilities and documentation of work performed.* A licensed remover shall be on site during the performance of all UST closure-related work, including subcontracted work, for which the owner/operator has contracted to have completed by the remover. Removers are responsible for ensuring that all work performed complies with the safety requirements of OSHA. Removers shall submit to the department a notification of closure form 30 days prior to the scheduled removal or fill in place as required in 567—subrule 135.15(2). Removers shall submit to the department the closure report within 45 days of removal or fill in place as required in 567—paragraph 135.15(3) “e.” Removers shall ensure that all local permits and notice requirements are satisfied. Removers shall have on their person at all times while on a UST job site a 40-hour general site worker program identification card or any valid refresher card that complies with OSHA standards. The closure investigation required by 567—subrule 135.15(3) may be conducted by a licensed remover if the remover is a certified groundwater professional licensed under Part A of this chapter. If the remover is not a certified groundwater professional, the remover may subcontract with a certified groundwater professional.

567—134.29 (455B) Disciplinary actions.

134.29(1) *General policy.* It is the policy of the department to enforce standards of professional and ethical conduct which are generally accepted within the professions which qualify a person for licensure in Iowa under Part C of this chapter. The department intends to investigate and enforce standards of conduct by a licensee which fall within the scope of the licensee's professional relationship with the department, the licensee's clients, and other state regulatory agencies. The department may impose disciplinary actions which may include, but are not limited to, notice of deficiency; probationary notices; and suspension, revocation, and denial of a license. The criteria identified in subrules 134.20(1) and 134.20(2) will be utilized by the department in deciding whether to issue an initial license or to renew a previously issued license.

134.29(2) *Notice of deficiency or probation.* A notice of deficiency or probationary notice shall not be an appealable decision. The recipient of a notice may contest the basis for the notice in writing, and such response shall be made part of the licensee's record. A person subject to a notice to suspend or revoke a license may appeal the notice as provided in 567—Chapter 7.

134.29(3) *Suspension.*

a. The department may suspend the license of any individual or company for good cause for either a single act or omission or repeated acts or omissions. The suspension of a company or individual licensee shall prevent the company or individual licensee from engaging in activities for which the license is required. The suspension may require the licensee to take remedial measures intended to correct or prevent future acts or omissions. Good cause includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) A violation of these rules.
- (2) Negligent misrepresentation of material facts in a report submitted to the department.

(3) Incompetence on the part of the licensee as evidenced by errors in the performance of duties and activities for which the license was issued.

(4) Repeated failure to submit reports of activities to the department or the owner/operator as provided in this chapter.

b. The department may require that the licensee complete a special training program, examination, or other remedial measures sponsored or approved by the department and designed to strengthen the specific weakness in the licensee's performance of duties as identified in the suspension order.

c. A licensed company or individual shall immediately surrender the applicable license to the department as of the effective date of a suspension order. The department may reinstate the license if it is determined that the company or individual has satisfied the terms of the suspension order and the license is not expired.

134.29(4) Revocation.

a. The department may revoke the license of a company or individual for one or more of the following:

(1) Willful disregard of, or willful or repeated violations of, this chapter or 567—Chapter 135.

(2) Fraudulent omissions or misstatements of material facts in a report or in other written or oral communications with the department.

(3) A knowing and willful failure to detect and report a material violation of UST operation and maintenance standards.

(4) Acts or omissions warranting suspension after a license was previously suspended.

b. A licensee shall immediately surrender the license after the effective date of the revocation decision.

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